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## NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS SELECTED TO LEAD WATER GROUP

MELVILLE, NY, JANUARY, 2005 —The Long Island Water Conference recently elected Suffolk County Water Authority Director of Production Control Robert Murray as its 54<sup>th</sup> chairman. Under his leadership, the professional organization of Nassau-Suffolk public water suppliers will continue its mission to provide Long Island's 2.7 million residents with a safe and plentiful public drinking water supply. Programs include providing educational workshops for members, establishing public outreach programs, contact with lawmakers regarding county, state and federal issues that affect Nassau-Suffolk's drinking water and educating consumers about water conservation and groundwater protection.

Murray's team of officers includes: New York Water Service District Manager and Chief Engineer Matthew Snyder as first vice chairman, Plainview Water District Commissioner Edward Shulroff as second vice chairman and Village of Freeport Water Superintendent Ken Claus as secretary. Susan Polidoro of H2M Group in Melville remains corresponding secretary and W. Lawrence Smith, vice president of Joseph G. Pollard Company in New Hyde Park, retains his position as treasurer.

A LIWC member for more than 30 years, Murray joined the Suffolk County Water Authority as field supervisor in 1986 and quickly rose through the ranks to his current position. After receiving his degree from Suffolk Community College and serving

his country as a sergeant in the United States Air Force, Murray began his career in the industry working for BIF, a unit of General Signal Corporation, which manufactured equipment for water and wastewater management.

"In addition to continuing the programs instituted by previous leaders of this well respected organization, I am hoping to establish a LIWC Web site during my tenure," stated LIWC Chairman Robert Murray. "The Internet is a great way to share information with the people we serve and a helpful way to communicate with members and other professionals in the industry."

Established in 1951, the Long Island Water Conference is a professional association of more than 45 Nassau-Suffolk public water suppliers dedicated to providing and maintaining a safe and plentiful supply of public drinking water for some 2.7 million people.

Long Island' s drinking water is drawn from underground aquifers, located far below the earth' s surface, by more than 1,000 deep wells and delivered by water utilities through a total of 10,800 miles of water mains. LIWC members provide their customers with water storage capacity for daily usage and fire protection and collectively maintain nearly 79,000 fire hydrants. Altogether, they spend in excess of \$2 million each year to test public tap water quality, as required by county, state and federal regulations.

LIWC members also include consulting engineers, attorneys, water contractors and officials from government regulatory agencies.

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